

New York, May 25.—Silver, 71½¢;
lead, \$7.15@7.35; spelter, \$14.75;
copper, firm, \$28.50@30.00.

WEATHER—Utah: Tonight Gen-
erally Fair, Continued Cool, with
Frost Friday Fair and Warmer.

Tide Again Turns For Germans In Fighting Around Verdun

CROWN PRINCE'S TROOPS CLOSING IN ON FRENCH EAST OF MEUSE

Desperate Attempts to Recapture Village of Cumieres Fail—
Paris Concedes Germans Have Retaken Fort Douaumont and Haudremont Quarry—Rome Reports Grave Situation at Arsiero and Admits Italians Are Falling Back From Advanced Lines.

The tide is again with the Germans in the fighting about Verdun. Today's headquarters report from Berlin announces a further closing in by the crown prince's troops east of the Meuse and the failure of the French to regain by desperate counter attacks the village of Cumieres. Paris concedes the recapture of Fort Douaumont by the Germans. The recapture of the Haudremont quarry west of Fort Douaumont is announced by Berlin.

Continuing their furious assaults in the Verdun, the Germans have succeeded in again wresting the battered ruins of Fort Douaumont from the French, and have driven hard against the lines west of the fort. In this new attack the crown prince's forces succeeded in gaining a foothold in a French trench near the Haudremont quarry which has been the scene recently of much hard fighting.

The artillery is still notably active on the west bank of the Meuse near Hill 304 and from Dead Man Hill to Cumieres, the village just captured by the Germans.

East of Cumieres the French report having made some progress in hand grenade operations.

Latest reports from the fighting on the Austro-Italian front indicate that the Austrians have driven a wedge rather deeply into Italian territory between the Arso and Astico valleys, southeast of Trent.

Rome reports the destruction of an Austrian gunboat and an Austrian aeroplane in an engagement with an Italian gunboat in the upper Adriatic.

Paris, May 25, 11:30 a. m.—German troops made an attack last night on French positions on the Verdun front east of the Meuse near the Haudremont quarry and obtained a footing in one of the French trenches, the war office announced today.

East of Cumieres to the west of the Meuse, the French made some progress in hand grenade fighting. There was no infantry action at Fort Douaumont last night. Activity on the part of the artillery was particularly severe in the vicinity of Hill 304 and in the sector from Dead Man's hill to Cumieres.

The text of the statement follows: "On the left bank of the Meuse there has been an artillery duel of considerable intensity in the sector of Hill 304, as well as on the front between Dead Man's hill and Cumieres. Last night we made progress with hand grenades in the groves immediately east of Cumieres. The enemy made no endeavor to attack us."

"On the right bank of the river a strong German attack was successful in giving the enemy a footing in one of our trenches north of the quarries at Haudremont. The bombardment is continuing with great severity on each side. In the region of Douaumont there has been no infantry activity. The night passed in relative quiet on the remainder of the front."

Grave Situation at Arsiero. Rome, May 25, 12:30 p. m.—The situation on the front along the high plateau of Arsiero is still grave but it is not alarming," says a semi-official announcement issued here today concerning the Austro-Hungarian attempt to widen the only line occupied on Italian territory.

The Italian military authorities, it is said, have taken all necessary measures to prevent a further Austrian advance and are organizing a counter offensive.

The civil population which evacuated the districts of Arsiero and Asiago and the smaller neighboring villages, is being taken care of by the government.

German Gains at Verdun. Paris, May 25, 12:30 p. m.—Inspection made by military authorities of maps of the Verdun region shows that, within the last month, German gains on the west bank of the Meuse from Cumieres to Avocourt average a depth of 300 meters. The line eastward from the river is substantially the same as it was a month ago.

Berlin, May 25, by Wireless to Sayville, N. Y.—The repulse of three counterattacks by the French on the village of Cumieres, west of the Meuse was announced by the war office today. The capture of additional French trenches southwest and south of Fort Douaumont, and the recapture of the Haudremont quarry by the Germans, are also reported.

The text of today's army headquarters statement follows: "Western front: German armies attacked British torpedo boats and patrol boats off the Flanders coast."

"West of the Meuse three enemy counter attacks against the village of Cumieres failed."

"German Forces Advance. East of the Meuse our regiments, taking advantage of the successes of the day before yesterday advanced further and captured enemy trenches southwest and south of Fort Douaumont."

mont. We recaptured the quarry south of the Haudremont farm.

"In the Callette wood the enemy attacked our positions during the whole day without attaining the least success. The enemy suffered heavy, sanguinary losses. In addition we captured more than 850 prisoners and 14 machine guns."

"An enemy biplane was shot down near St. Souplet and another over Herbebois."

"Balkan front: Enemy air men unsuccessfully attacked Uesleb and Guevelli."

Italian Statesmen Go to London. Rome, May 24, via Paris, May 25, 2 a. m.—It is stated on good authority that Premier Salandra and Foreign Minister Sonnino will shortly leave for London to return the visit of Premier Asquith to Rome.

The official bulletin issued tonight by the war department indicates further the defense line taken up by the Italians who are still on Austrian territory in the Lagarina valley where the attempts of the Austrians to recapture the village of Marco, about fifteen miles north of Rovereto, have failed.

In the Arsa valley, on the direct route to Vicenza the Austrians and Italians are fighting on the frontier line. Between this point and the Astico river the Italians have withdrawn from the upper basin of the Posina river which comprises part of the Terragnola valley.

Italian and French Ministers Recalled. Berlin, May 25, by Wireless to Sayville, N. Y.—It is reported from Athens, the Overseas News Agency says, that Count A. de Bosdar, the Italian minister to Greece, and J. Guillemain, the French minister have been recalled by their governments because of the failure of their efforts to obtain permission for the transportation of Serbian troops through Greece.

The entente allies endeavored vainly to persuade Greece to permit them to transport the Serbian army at Corfu, a Greek island off the west coast, overland to the Saloniki front. They were reported to have threatened to employ forcible means but Greece persisted in her refusal. It was announced in London recently that an amicable settlement had been reached and that there would be no infringement of the neutrality of Greece.

Paris, May 25, 5:10 a. m.—The condition of General Gallieni, former minister of war, has suddenly grown worse and grave anxiety is felt as to his chances of recovery.

General Gallieni resigned as minister of war on March 16 on account of ill health. He underwent a second operation for kidney trouble on May 18 and was then reported to be rapidly recovering.

General Leman Rejects Offer. Havre, May 25, 5:15 a. m.—The German authorities have offered to allow General Leman the defender of Liege to go to Switzerland, according to news received here. Because the permission was granted on the ground of his ill health and age, the general rejected the offer saying that he did not wish to admit that he was unfit to fight for his country.

GERMANS CLAIM
ILL TREATMENT

Incapacitated Soldiers Sent Home From France Complain of Mob Abuse and Arbitrary Officers.

Berlin, May 25, by Wireless to Sayville, N. Y.—An account of the treatment of German prisoners in France, said to have been obtained from incapacitated German soldiers who have been sent home in exchange for French prisoners, is published today in the Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung.

"All of them complain of abuse from fanatical mobs and of the arbitrary behavior of the commanders of the French camps, who pay no apparent attention to instructions," the newspaper says. "This may be due to the fact that the French war minister does not exercise sufficiently close supervision of the prison camps."

Wounded Prisoners Not Returned. "Severely wounded prisoners in several camps were not exchanged, although they were only able to move about on crutches. This fact explains why no prisoners were sent home from the camps at Amiens, St. Briac, Belleville, Blaye, Toulouse and North-

ern Africa, nor from Marseilles. "Virtually all the prisoners returned in rags. In several cases it was pointed out that clothing sent from home was withheld from them. Special complaints were lodged against the commander and an interpreter at camp Borcelonette, who put the wounded to hard labor. It was further stated that in several cases Frenchmen were seen wearing trousers which had been sent from Germany for the imprisoned Germans. The railroad station of Brunau, situated nearby, has been filled with parcels sent from Germany."

Officers Punish Germans. "Complaints were made by the exchanged prisoners regarding the camp at Sundudun, where non-commissioned officers are given the right to punish prisoners with arrest. In camp Maselesi the prison room is too small for lying down. It is actively stated here that it was impossible for a soldier to sit. At the same camp parcels sent from Germany are ransacked by the guards. The interpreters have cupboards filled with stolen cigars and other things."

"In the camp at Nevers the prisoners were forced to work hard even on Sunday. In La Pallice the food was exceedingly poor. Prisoners were forced to send home forged letters."

Professional Men at Hard Labor. "Further complaints were made by the soldiers regarding the kind of work which captured professors, lawyers, artists and clergymen were forced to do, such as unloading ships and repairing roads, canals and railroad tracks."

"The French government when asked to change these arrangements, replied that it was impossible because of French democratic ideas. The French government also declined to transfer war prisoners from the unhealthy North African climate."

French in Russian Swamps. "Apparently in answer to the German request French newspapers now publish the news that captured French have been employed in the Russian swamps. It is semi-officially stated here that this report is true. Frenchmen employed in the occupied parts of Russia are in a much better position than are the Germans who must spend a second summer in the hot, unhealthy North African climate and who are forced to work hard under miserable conditions."

VIGOROUS NOTE IS SENT OUT

Language Almost Equal in Force to Ultimatum to Germany Cabled to France and Great Britain.

NO CONCESSION MADE

Belligerents Have No Right to Even Inspect First Class Mails in Transit on High Seas.

Washington, May 25.—Vigorous language, equalling almost that employed in the last communication to Germany on the submarine issue, is understood to characterize the notes delivered to the British and French embassies here yesterday protesting against interference with neutral mails on these charges.

It is understood there is no substantial difference as to principle between the state department and the London and Paris chancellors regarding the broad question of inviolability of first class mails on the high seas. The American objection is based rather on the methods employed by the allied governments in handling these mails.

No Concessions Made. The United States does not concede the right to even inspect first class mails in transit on the high seas, assuming that these do not include anything more than correspondence and are not made the vehicle for supply of contraband to the belligerents. The fact that a neutral vessel carrying mails between neutral countries is compelled to come into a belligerent port to comply with belligerent naval rules, it is held, does not remove the mail matter on board from the privileged character of mail on the high seas.

Strong Resolution Offered. A resolution authorizing the transportation of mail to and from neutral ports on naval vessels and declaring that "any interference with our mails shall be resented by such ships with all the power of the navy and of the ships," was introduced today by Representative Tague of Massachusetts. It was referred to a committee.

Methodists to Elect Editors. Balloting Begins for Heads of Twelve or More Religious Magazines.

Saratoga Springs, N. Y., May 25.—The Methodist general conference refused today by a vote of 435 to 360 to remove from the discipline of the church the clause which provides the penalty of expulsion for church members who play cards, dance and attend the theater.

Chancellor James R. Day of Syracuse, who presented a report requesting elimination of the clause, proposed the substituting of a warning which he characterized as the "strongest pronouncement the Methodist Episcopal church has ever made to the world on this question." He asserted this was sufficient to make the position of the church clear as opposed to these amusements.

Frank Neff of Tulsa, Okla., who spoke for the majority report insisted that removal of the prohibition was equivalent to weakening the position of the church.

The foreign and colored delegates voted almost solidly against any change while the principal support came from the cities.

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Final action was also taken on a report which re-organizes the department of home missions and church extension by placing the work under the charge of one corresponding secretary who is the executive head.

From now until final adjournment early next week, the conference will be in practically continuous session day and night for the purpose of disposing of large numbers of proposals principally of a routine nature.

More Stringent Marriage Regulations. More stringent regulations regarding the re-marriage by Methodist ministers of divorced persons are provided in a report submitted by the committee on the state of the church. The church has never recognized any cause for divorce except adultery and has always forbidden re-marriage in any case where a divorced wife or husband is living. By the proposed change a minister who performs such

a marriage is guilty of maladministration and is to be held answerable to his conference.

The total abstinence by Methodist church members from the use of tobacco is urged in another report which states: "We record our solemn judgment that the habitual use of tobacco is a practice out of harmony with the best Christian life."

Polygamy and the social evil are condemned by the committee on temperance and public morals. The enforcement of the laws prohibiting the former is urged.

Social Evil Report. Regarding the social evil the committee asserts that neither segregation nor punishment by fines is a remedy. The community should officially expel and disperse vice, it continues, and the state should provide industrial settlements for the mentally deficient and an honest place in society for those mentally capable.

Parents and others charged with care of the young ought to give careful consideration to the proper education of our youth to the end that there may be health of body, purity of mind and righteousness of life," the report concludes. Action will be taken later.

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